State House Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed Senate Bill 1081 – St. Mary's County – Property Tax Credit for Individuals Over Age 70 – Extension of Sunset.

This bill extends to June 30, 2010, a provision that terminates authorization for the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on specified real property owned by individuals at least 70 years old who are of limited income.

House Bill 623, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign Senate Bill 1081.

Very truly yours, Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr. Governor

Senate Bill No. 1081

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County - Property Tax Credit for Individuals Over Age 70 - Repeal Extension of Sunset

FOR the purpose of repealing extending a termination provision for certain authorization for the governing body of St. Mary's County to grant, by law, a tax credit against the county property tax imposed on certain real property owned by certain individuals; and generally relating to property tax in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article - Tax - Property

Section 9-320(c)

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2001 Replacement Volume and 2005 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Chapter 195 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2005

Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Tax - Property